

## **CTK E-News Contents-February 18, 2015**

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### **A Note from Pastor Andrew**

Reading my devotion for today, I couldn't help but pause at the title, *Tender Judgment*. Words perhaps we may not associate with each other, but ones we should when it comes to thinking of God. Why, you may ask? Well, because it comes down to forgiveness and mercy. Why do we forgive or rather why are we called to forgive, because God does...always! Because God has freely chosen to put tenderness before the law, and we are authorized to do the same. Think about it in all the parables, God is depicted as the loving father running to his son, the farmer that gives late comers the same wage as the daylong workers, and the judge that hears the prayer of the persistent widow. Tenderness before law and in Christ this in a sense hypothetical person takes on flesh. The invisible God becomes visible and takes it that step further by his walk to the cross, and what he accomplishes by choosing to give himself over to death. In the Spirit, we are called as Lutherans...as Christians to seek and practice tender judgment. As God forgives so too are we to do the same. Easier said than done at times, but truly a taste of freedom from that which binds us here on earth.

**Luke 1:78-79** by the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Pastor Andrew

## **Worship and Christian Education Opportunities**

### **Ash Wednesday**

February 18, 6:30 p.m. at Christ the King

### **River of Hope Worship**

The next River of Hope will be Thursday, February 12, 2014;  
we have a free meal at 5:45 p.m. with Worship following at 6:30 p.m.  
We Worship in the Form of Taizé' - come and check it out!

### **Sunday Worship Time**

CTK worship time is 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Fellowship time before worship at 8:15 am and following until 10:45am.

### **Prayer Time**

Every Sunday during communion, Judy Weaver will be available for an optional time of prayer and healing in the back of the sanctuary.

### **Sunday School**

Please sign up to teach our awesome kids!! We will have Sunday school during the first part of the worship service. During offering the kids will come into worship for the Children's message and stay for the remainder of the worship or go back into the nursery. We will still have a nursery attendant during worship. Sunday school is for all kids up to 6th grade.

### **Bible Study**

Please join us every Sunday for "Gospel of John" Pastor Andrew leads this bible study every Sunday between services. We will meet at 10:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Grab a cup of coffee and join us! No Bible February 22, March 1 or March 8.

### **Confirmation class**

Sunday, February 22 at 10:15 am in the Conference room.

### **Lutheran 101**

Every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. We will be meeting in the Conference Room

### **Ecumenical Lenten Program**

We will be viewing portions of "The Bible: The Epic Miniseries"

5:30 pm-Soup and bread supper (Please sign up to bring soup or bread on February 25)

6:00 pm-Begin viewing movie segment

### **February 25**

Christ the King

### **March 11**

First Presbyterian

### **March 25**

Grace Episcopal

## **Announcements**

### **CTK Food Pantry**

Thank you for the donations we have received. We are still accepting food donations for the CTK pantry; we are helping more families than ever. Please bring in non-perishable items such as, cereal, oatmeal, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, tuna fish, spaghetti o's, canned ravioli, soups, etc... Thank you. Most of the families we serve have young children. We serve, on average 2-3 families per week.

### **Holy SCRIP-tures**

SCRIP cards are still available to purchase!

Please see Karin Anderson for more information.

### **Pancake Breakfast**

We will be having a free pancake breakfast on the first Sunday of every month. Please join us upstairs for pancakes and fellowship at 8:00 a.m.

The next breakfast is Sunday, March 1.

### **Church Council**

The next Church Council meeting is Sunday, March 15, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. We meet the third Sunday of every month. Anyone is welcome to attend.

### **Thrivent**

New! Thrivent Member Network

Thrivent Financial proudly presents the Thrivent Member Network. It's was created based on member input, in order to appeal to and engage more people in a way that is meaningful to them as member-owners of Thrivent and in a way that supports the mission of Thrivent to help more people be wise with money, live generously so that more families and communities thrive.

We listened to our members who said the chapter system is too complex and we are responding by reducing the administrative burden placed on so many members. This means chapters in your region will close on June 30, 2015. Beginning on July 1, members will be part of the Thrivent Member Network where a regional board of three to ten members will provide governance, accountability and strategic insight and monitoring of operations and initiatives to help Thrivent leaders achieve its mission in the region. We've transitioned members in other regions from the chapter system to the Thrivent Member Network and the response from members has been overwhelmingly positive.

We've also made it easier for you to make a difference in your community through a new volunteer program called Thrivent Action Teams. All members can volunteer to lead a one-time project team to support a cause they care about through a fundraiser, service activity or educational event. As a member of Thrivent, you will continue to have the opportunity to participate in the Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity, direct Thrivent Choice dollars, and attend financial workshops and other events within the region. To learn more about these programs and all the benefits of membership, visit [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com). or contact Marsha Schultz at 586-481-9596.

### **CTK Teams**

All our Team meetings are open to everyone. Please stop in and see what we are doing.

#### **Outreach Team**

Next meeting is March 12 at 7:30 p.m. We meet the second Thursday of every month.

#### **Marketing and Publicity Team**

Next meeting is March 5 at 7:30 p.m. We meet the first Thursday of every month.

#### **Fellowship Team**

Next meeting is on March 8 at 8:30 a.m. We meet the second Sunday of every month

#### **Worship Team**

The next Worship team meeting is on February 26, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. We meet the fourth Thursday of every month.

### **CTK Small Groups**

#### **Bible Study**

Nora Murray will be opening her home for a Women's Bible Study at 1:00 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is Wednesday, February 18. If you are

interested please call Nora at 810-356-5049.

### **Sowing Threads of Fellowship**

Sowing Threads of Fellowship meets the first Tuesday of each month in people's homes. The next meeting time is Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nora Murray.

### **Women's Group**

Women's group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at CTK. We share a meal together, share stories and laughter. Come and join us!  
The next meeting is March 10. Please bring a dish to share.

### **Schedule of Events**

Every Friday - Pastor Andrew's day off

#### **Wednesday, February 18**

6:30 pm        Ash Wednesday Worship

#### **Thursday, February 19**

5:45 pm        Free Meal

6:30 pm        Worship

#### **Sunday, February 22**

8:15 am        Fellowship

9:00 am        Worship

9:00 am        Sunday School

10:15 am      Confirmation

No Bible study today

#### **Monday, February 23**

6:30 pm        Lutheran 101

#### **Wednesday, February 25**

5:30 pm        Soup supper

6:00 pm        Worship

#### **Thursday, February 26**

5:00 pm        Worship Team meeting

5:45 pm        Free Meal

6:30 pm        Worship

#### **Sunday, March 1**

8:00 am        Pancake Breakfast

9:00 am        Worship

9:00 am        Sunday School

12:30 pm      Bowling League\*

#### **Monday, March 2**

6:30 pm        Lutheran 101

#### **Tuesday, March 3**

7:00 pm        Sowing Threads of Fellowship\*

**Thursday, March 5**

5:45 pm Free Meal  
6:30 pm Worship  
7: 15 pm Marketing and Outreach meeting

**Sunday, March 8**

8:15 am Fellowship  
8:30 am Fellowship Team meeting  
9:00 am Worship  
9:00 am Sunday School

**Remembering in Prayers****For Extra Healing:**

Dean

Leon (health, brother of Pat Finchem)

John Kovalick (health, father of John Kovalick)

Scott Finchem (son of Dean and Pat Finchem)

Deb Howes (continued good health sister of Sue Halamka)

Gerald & Alvera Houck (health, parents of Paula Kovalick)

Katelyn Gilliam (health, granddaughter of Doug & Linda Gilliam)

Karen Scurich (cancer, cousin of Jeff Anderson)

Judy Dyer (cancer, aunt of Steve Mitchell)

Brenda June (cancer, co-worker of Robin Mitchell)

John Soloy (health, family of Connie Peterman)

Brett Carr and family (friends of Terri Frankenstein)

John Schietecatte (health, brother-in-law of Dean and Pat Finchem)

Hope Venema (health, mother of Chris Venema)

Karin Anderson (health)

Ed and Marcy Howell (health)

Tim Komisak (health, brother of John Komisak)

Kathy M. (cancer, friend of Janet Kropp and Sue Gregory-Herfert)

Janet Kropp (health)

Barbara Osoba (health, friend of Paula Carpenter)

Lisa Ann Wright (cancer, friend of Kelly Greenwald)

Harold Elliott (health, father of Cathy Davis)

Lowery family (family of Cindy Goerke)

Denise Kovacs (health, friend of Karin Anderson)

Marilyn Mitchell (health, mother of Steve Mitchell)

Ken Nelson (health)

Judy Lara (step-mom of Gloria Lara)

Michael Hartman (health, son-in-law of Bill and Dawn Larsen)

Mike and Linda Hash (health)

Charlie Sanchez (health, father of Terri Forthoffer)

Tracey Anderson (healing, sister of Jeff and Karin Anderson)

Bob Bradford (health, friend of Gail Carlson)

Marty and Sharon Stefani (health)

Brady (infant, friend of the Barden family)

Elayna Sandeen (continued good health, 5 year old cousin of Sue Halamka)

Bob Ray (health, friend of Karin Anderson)

Peggy Krummel (cancer, friend of Gail Carlson)

Sarah (niece of Pastor Andrew and Katie Gookin)

Riley Mickle (health)

Gail Carlson (health)  
Barb Gottschalk (health, friend of the Halamka family)  
Mike Lambourn (health, husband of Debbie Lambourn)  
Riley Wiegiersma (grandson of Ken and Terri Frankenstein)  
David (nephew of Dean and Pat Finchem)  
Linda Lawson (cancer, friend of Jeff Anderson)  
Wendolyn Trozzo (health, friend of the Gookin family)  
Dana Wilcox (cancer, friend of Sandi Ryan)  
Ed and Mandy Brown (health, friend of the Halamka family)  
Christine Johnson  
Rinna Family (health, friends of Bill and Dawn Larsen)  
Nora Murray (recovering from shoulder surgery)  
Barbara Christie (health, mother of Kelly Greenwald)  
Josh Todd (health)  
Judy Weaver (health)  
Ruth Fullmer (health)  
Lynda Davis (cancer and in hospice, mother-in-law of Cathy Davis)  
Sarge Knight (cancer, biological father of Katie Gookin)  
Gary Herfert (recovering from surgery)  
Linda Sagady (recovering from surgery, sister of Sandi Ryan)  
Kathy Green (cancer, friend of Kaitlynn Tuckey)  
Mary Crispin (health, mother of Katie Gookin)  
All those without jobs and seeking employment  
Those Left Unnamed

### **Celebration of Life:**

Family and Friends of Sharon Smith (aunt of Nick and Chelsea Barden)  
Family and Friends of Amy Peters (former musician for CTK)

### **Military Personnel:**

Logan Sitze  
Mark Stefani  
Jeff Wesley  
Adam Stern  
Benjamin J. Smith  
Michelle Sitze  
Blake Mason  
Megan Belprez  
Mark Gottschalk  
Kenny Friedle  
Ryan Moss  
Jacob Labert  
Hunter Snow  
Caleb Taylor  
Nick Strong  
Josh Johnson

### **Partners in Ministry:**

Beautiful Savior, Bloomfield Hills  
Calvary, Clarkston  
First English, Grosse Pointe Woods  
Holy Spirit, Grand Blanc

Zion, Ann Arbor  
Abiding Presence, Rochester Hills